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In re the application of:

Shigeo KURE, et al.

Continuation Application of  
Serial Number: 09/139,773

Filed: August 25, 1998

For: REACTOR FOR HYDROTREATING AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ULTRALOW  
SULFUR HEAVY OILS BY THE USE OF THE REACTOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner  
For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

December 21, 2000

Prior to calculation of the fee and examination on the merits  
of the above-identified patent application, please amend the  
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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A' --This application is a continuation of application  
Serial No. 09/139,773 filed August 25, 1998. --; and

line 17: delete "demetalization" and insert therefor --  
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